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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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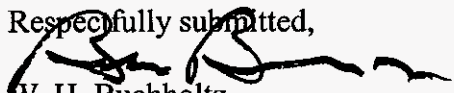
Re: In the Matter of IP-enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36; E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers, WC Docket No. 05-196

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Melcher, on behalf of the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance, met on March 7th with Chairman Martin to update him on the progress made to date on Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") E9-1-1 deployments within our areas of Texas. Mr. Melcher noted that the progress has included advance preparation of VoIP E9-1-1 deployment guidelines on a tandem-by-tandem basis for VoIP Positioning Centers ("VPCs"), Emergency Services Gateway Providers ("ESGWs"), and VoIP Service Providers ("VSP"); testing plans and coordinated testing among the involved parties (including the 9-1-1 Selective Router and 9-1-1 Database providers); 9-1-1 service agreements with VPCs, ESGWs, and VSPs; and commitments on 9-1-1 emergency service fee remittances from most of the major VSPs. Initial deployment has not yet been completed within all areas; however, significant progress has been made and good faith shown by the involved parties. We hope that substantially complete pre-i2 deployment will be achieved sometime in April 2006.

Please direct any questions on this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chairman, Texas 9-1-1 Alliance

¹ The Texas 9-1-1 Alliance is an interlocal cooperation act entity composed of the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 772 Emergency Communication Districts with E9-1-1 service public safety responsibility for approximately 50% of the population of Texas. The Texas 9-1-1 Alliance members joining in these comments are: Abilene/Taylor County 9-1-1 District, Austin County Emergency Communications District, Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network District, Brazos County Emergency Communication District, Calhoun County 9-1-1 Emergency Communication District, Cameron County Emergency Communications District, 9-1-1 Network of East Texas, Denco Area 9-1-1 District, Emergency Communications District of Ector County, Galveston County Emergency Communication District, Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network, Henderson County 9-1-1 Communication District, Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District, Kerr Emergency 9-1-1 Network, Lubbock Emergency Communication District, McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District, Midland Emergency Communications District, Montgomery County Emergency Communication District, Potter-Randall County Emergency Communications District, Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District, Tarrant County 9-1-1 District, Texas Eastern 9-1-1 Network, and Wichita-Wilbarger 9-1-1 District.